REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 15, 2009[1], the Examiner rejected claims 1-10,

16-24, and 28-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject

matter; rejected claims 1-10, 16-24, and 28-31 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being

unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,058,413 to Flores ("*Flores*") in view of U.S.

Published Patent Application No. 2003/0233321 to Scolini et al. ("*Scolini*"); and

indicated allowable subject matter in claims 32-34.

By this amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 17, 19, 22, 24, and

31, and cancel claims 32-34 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-10, 16-24, and

28-31 remain pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the June 8, 2009 telephonic interview

with Applicants' representative. During the interview, the claims and cited references

were discussed.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-10, 16-24, and 28-34

under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Because

claims 32-34 are cancelled, the rejection of these claims is moot. To expedite

prosecution Applicants amend independent claims 1, 10, 24 and 31. Regarding the

method claims, claim 1 is amended to recite "transforming, by a <u>processor</u>, the at least

one input data record into an output data record," and "storing the output data record in

a <u>memory device</u>," with similar recitations of amended claim 31. Regarding the

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[1] As Applicants' remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicants' silence as to certain assertions or requirements applicable to such rejections (e.g., whether a reference constitutes prior art, motivation to combine references, etc.) is not a concession by Applicants that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicants reserve the right to analyze and dispute such in the future.

computer system claim, claim 10 is amended to recite "a second program module executing on a <u>processor</u>," and "a storage module that stores the output data record in a <u>memory device</u>." Regarding the computer-readable medium claim, claim 24 is amended to recite "a computer-readable medium comprising a computer program." Moreover, Applicants amend the specification to remove a reference to a "carrier wave." For at least these reasons, claims 1-10, 16-24, and 28-31 are statutory as required by 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-10, 16-24, and 28-31 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Flores* in view of *Scolini*. To expedite prosecution, Applicants incorporate subject matter from allowable claims 32-34 into the independent claims. For example, independent claim 1 is amended to recite "transforming, by a processor, the at least one input data record into an output data record accessible by business applications," including "formatting a first data area of the output data record, such that the first data area is <u>exclusively</u> compatible with a first of the business applications," and "formatting a second data area of the output data record such that the second data area is <u>exclusively</u> compatible with a second of the business applications," with similar amendments to the remaining independent claims. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 16-24, and 28-31 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.
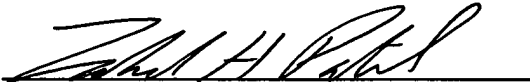
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